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The goal of the Phase II program will be to evaluate the ability of two prototype PFQAs to identify diesel or jet fuels and predict their properties. This will be accomplished by building the prototypes, measuring 600 fuel samples, developing and testing comprehensive chemometric models, performing environmental tests, and delivering the prototypes with user friendly software and providing training to US Army personnel.

The Portable Fuel Quality Analyzer will allow Army personnel to quickly determine fuel quality in the field, such as at the point of use. The PFQA can be widely used by all DOD require rapid analysis of fuel quality. This includes the entire shipping industry.

The PFQA will have immediate dual-use at major airports and seaports to rapidly check fuel quality. It could also be used for other transportation industries, such as trucking. The PFQA could also be used in fuel blending operations performed at petroleum, ethanol and biodiesel plants.

